

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

APRIL 12, 2010

Chairman Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Commission on Aging Committee at 9:00 am, on April 12, 2010, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Room 2, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** Hansen, Haws, Main, Myers, Nielsen, Platner, Wedell and Teichmiller. Staff present, Director Fortmann and Richmond. Members Excused were Gussick, Montgomery and Wise. Also present was Verdelle Mauthe from the St. Germain PrimeTimers, Fred Radtke and Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times and Don Anderson.

**Approve Agenda:** Agenda has been properly posted. Nielsen moved Myers seconded to approve the Agenda as mailed.

- May be changed at the discretion of the Chair. Carried.

**Approve Minutes:** There was a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of March 11, 2010, by Nielsen with a second by Platner. Carried.

### **Agenda Item #4 Report of the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources:**

- Fortmann attended 2 day meeting in Stevens Point for Directors.
- Innovations newsletter distributed regarding Older Americans Act Re-Authorization
- Fortmann will be attending the Northern Region PSA Meeting for Directors in Antigo on 14<sup>th</sup>.
- June 8 there will be an Older Americans Re-Authorization Event in Antigo. Everyone encouraged to attend.

### **Agenda Item #5 Program and Committee Reports**

#### **Directors Report:**

- Info distributed as follows:
  - June 8 notice for Older Americans Act Re-Authorization
  - ADPAW Positions on Re-Authorization
  - National Association of State Units on Aging letter to Assistant Secretary of Administration on Aging
  - Power Point paper on Older Americans Act Re-Authorization
  - Scam Alert on new Health Care Law
  - Health Reform for Rural Americans, for American Seniors and for Early Retirees
  - Gerontological Society of America-Health Care Reform Provisions
  - The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
  - From Elder Law Center – some basics of Health Care Reform
  - MSNBC – Top 7 Health Care fears
  - MSNBC- In Social dealings, being Older is being Wiser.
  - MSNBC-What the new Health Care Law means for seniors
- Memo from Corp Counsel regarding Contract Compliance and we are in compliance.
- Vilas County has been chastised by the State of Wisconsin Local Government Property Insurance Fund for late filing of three insurance claims since 2008, and it did not pertain to us.

### **Friendly Visitors/Family Caregiver Support:**

\* Barron reported as follows:

- a. Friendly Visitors, 6 visitors visited 8 persons, 3 phone visits and 126 miles driven.
- b. Loss and Grief presentation with Sue Piazza from Oneida County Department.
- c. Attended "End of Life Care" Conference in Woodruff.
- d. Barron will be starting the Arthritis Exercise classes for Phelps in April.
- e. Barron has been doing a lot of outreach with two Chronic Disease Support Groups, one in Phelps and one in St. Germain.

### **Chore:**

LaFata reported:

1. Ten households received reimbursement for 75 hours of service. Total reimbursement for the month of March was \$804.00. Balance of program is \$22,846.50.
2. Teichmiller asked if the workers are mindful of safety issues and the possibility of seeing early signs of Alzheimer's. Richmond explained that LaFata also does a home visit with each client initially to assess safety issues and our Workers have also referred certain situations to us.
3. No one on waiting list.

### **Alzheimer's:**

1. Three households received reimbursement in the amount of \$895.00.
2. Budget balance is \$8,966.74.

### **Escort:**

1. Thirty-one clients driven > 4258 = \$2,164.90 cost.
2. Volunteers donated 212.25 hours of service
3. Cash donations = \$1,165.55 year to date.
4. Fortmann stated that the Regional Transportation Committee will be meeting on May 5 to discuss the Technical Memorandum #4 and to determine if we will be actually able to start the routes.

### **Nutrition:**

1. 2559 meals served in March.
2. Cost = \$21,193.64
3. Donations = \$6,698.13, Year to date totaled \$18,436.13.
4. Nutrition Advisory Council will meet on April 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.
5. Hansen stated Phelps numbers have increased at the Nutrition Site due to her and Donna Lepisto going door to door.
6. Discussion held regarding the down turn of the economy.

### **Benefit Specialists**

Gengle and Williams reported:

1. 41 clients assisted, 62 issues addressed.
2. Economic impact was \$27,810.00 for March.
3. There were 13 attendees at the monthly Insurance Puzzle Workshop.
4. Platner questioned what the local back-up number was for the BadgerCare Plus plan.

### **ADRC:**

1. Teichmiller mentioned to Eric Johnson from the Lakeland Times that we need to get articles written regarding the ADRC information so people know it is coming.
2. April 27 meeting in Rhinelander for the Regional Planning Group.
3. Early to mid 2011, we are hoping to have the ADRC up and running in Vilas County.
4. Discussion was held on the basic concept of the ADRC's.

**CWAG:**

1. Radtke mentioned that the new Executive Director is making a lot of new contacts and trying to re-energize the program.
2. CWAG working on 3 things: payday loans and trying to regulate, telecommunications trying to unregulated that and mark-up law changed so Wisconsin can have benefits of pharmaceuticals cheaper.

**Agenda Item #6 Old Business**

**Monthly Expense Report**

1. Total monthly expenditure = \$31,680.68.
2. Year to date = \$90,376.29 approximately 16% of the total budget.

**Annual Report Approval:**

Fortmann stated there was a change due to a misspelling of a name.

- Wedell, Myers and Main to be added to the Transportation Sub-Committee.
- Wedell asked for a line regarding angels to be removed from the Volunteer section.
- Nutrition Advisory Council member, Donna Rollmann's name was misspelled also.
- Under the Elderly Benefit Specialists section, second paragraph, please add "of" before implementation.

There was a motion to approve the Annual Report with the changes mentioned by Nielsen with a second by Main. Carried.

**Agenda Item #7 New Business**

**Travel Requests**

- Travel Request sheet was distributed.
- Motion to approve the travel request sheet by Nielsen with a second by Platner. Carried.

**Agenda Item #8 Public Comment**

- Nielsen requested that we keep Ralph Faucher's family in our prayers since his wife died. Ralph Faucher does the Old Time Radio for WERL.
- Mauthe stated they now have 378 members of Prime Timers.
  - +Prime Timers gave a donation to Fire Fighters for an AED.
  - +They are participating in the County Fair.
  - +July 17 is the Car Show and Kids Carnival.
- Don Anderson was introduced by Fred Radtke as the new President of S.E.R.V.E.

**Agenda Item #9 Letters and Correspondence**

No letters or correspondence.

**Agenda Item #10 Approval of Vouchers:**

There was a motion by Platner with a second by Nielsen to approve the payment of the March bills.  
Carried.

**Future Meeting Date:**

**MAY 11, 2010, AT VILAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CONFERENCE ROOM #2, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.**

**Adjournment:** There was a motion by Nielsen with a second by Myers to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.  
Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Susan Richmond  
Administrative Secretary

Joe Fortmann  
Director